

OTTAWA VESTRY MEETINGS

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

At the annual vestry meeting of Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Lennox I. Smith urged that the debt now on Lauder Hall be reduced as soon as possible. The church wardens' report showed total receipt of \$17,869.56, and there was a balance of \$196 after all expenditure for the year had been made. A payment of \$4,000 for mortgage and indebtedness on the church property was made out of the Easter offertory and the general fund.

ST. GEORGE'S.

Following the custom of the church, the vestry meeting of St. George's parish January 13th, was preceded by a supper attended by the men of the congregation, at which there was an attendance of about 150. The speaker at the supper was the Bishop of Huron, who gave a stirring address on the duties of the church in the immediate future.

The financial statement showed an expenditure for \$13,565.13, and receipts for \$12,995.21, the deficit being \$605.92. Auditors elected were Major E. D. Sutherland, Col. D. W. Cameron, W. Forrest and J. H. Neeve. Mr. Chas. Stuart was appointed vestry clerk, Mr. Newman, sexton, W. T. Elliott secretary of envelope collections, and Mrs. F. S. Jenkins was reappointed organist. A gratifying feature of the estimate for the coming year was an increase in stipend to the Rev. Sidney Childs, Curate of the church.

Canon Snowdon, who has for over thirty years been Rector, paid feeling tribute to the forty members of the congregation who have died on the battle field, and the 240 who are on the honour roll for active service. The Rector reported on the erection of a memorial window to those killed in action.

An important move in the finance of the church was the establishment of a sinking fund to wipe off the debt on the parish hall, which amounts to about \$16,000, at the rate of \$1,600 or so a year. A large number of subscriptions have already been promised for this purpose.

ALL SAINTS'.

The year to year progress of All Saints' Church was kept up uninterrupted during 1918, as was disclosed by the transactions at the annual vestry meeting. Financially the parish is sound, the total amount of finances for the year being \$12,520, with a balance in hand of \$785.

Interesting discussion took place on the suggestion made that a tablet be erected to the memory of the fallen from the church, twenty-two members having been killed in the war. A total of 160 men from All Saints' were at the front, and of this splendid number, four received the military medal. Bonuses were voted to the Rector, Ven. Archdeacon MacKay, and to the Curate, Rev. N. H. Snow.

ST. MATTHEW'S.

At the annual vestry meeting of St. Matthew's Church, the reports presented showed that the church had had a most successful year, the receipts amounting to over \$12,000, which is a record. The year was finished with a surplus of over \$500, and in recognition of the excellent service of the clergy, Rev. George Anderson, Rector, and Rev. Gerald C. Clarke, assistant, they were voted a bonus of \$200.

The new church fund has already got a sum to its credit and it is the hope of all the members of the church that in about 5 or 6 years there will be enough on hand to commence building a new church.

Next week there is a campaign to raise \$25,000 for the superannuation

fund in the several parishes of the city and a committee was appointed to look after the campaign in St. Matthew's parish.

ST. ALBANS'.

At the annual vestry meeting of St. Albans' Church the reports presented January 13th, showed a decided increase in the number of families, communicants, and income. All the financial obligations have been met, and there is a balance in the treasury. The receipts for the year, per offertory, in the church were \$6,500, and by organizations, \$1,153, making a total of \$7,653.

The stipend of the Rector, Rev. T. J. Stiles, was increased by \$400 per annum. Many repairs and improvements have been made to the church and rectory, which are now in excellent condition. A beautiful stained glass window was placed in the church by Mrs. Alexander McCullough in memory of her son, the late Flight-Lieut. Alex. McCullough, R. A.F.

St. BARTHOLOMEW'S.

At the annual vestry meeting of St. Bartholomew's Church, the reports read proved the finances to be in healthy condition. Rev. F. H. Brewin, Rector, was in the chair. Much to the regret of all members of the parish, Mr. R. D. Bray, who for some years past was treasurer of the mission fund, resigned from his office. Votes of thanks were passed to their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and to all the church organizations and officials.

ST. BARNABAS'.

Last year has been one of steady progress for St. Barnabas' Church, as reported January 13th at the annual vestry meeting, the Rector, Rev. W. H. Prior, presiding. All the parochial funds are in a healthy condition and for the first time in the history of the church the missionary apportionment has been met by the year's contribution. The Rector remarked that St. Barnabas' Church led the diocese in the average amount of contributions per family (\$73.00). Mr. Prior remarked that 50 per cent. of the whole congregation had been overseas on active service. The church wardens reported a reduction of the mortgage during the past year and there are funds in hand for a further reduction. The Rector's stipend was increased \$400 per year.

ST. JOHN'S.

Satisfactory progress was recorded at the annual vestry meeting. Financially the church made a good showing, compared with last year. Total receipts amounted to \$13,079, while expenditure was \$11,468. During the year Sir Henry and Lady Egan erected two memorial windows to those from the church who had fallen at the front.

THE ROUND CHURCH, HALIFAX.

Reopening Services.

The services on January 12th in the historic old "Round Church"—St. George's—were altogether noteworthy. The word "reconstruction" is much on the tongues of men and women these days. Well it may be, and it seemed singularly fitting and significant that there should follow the Archbishop's sermon, setting forth the truth for which the Incarnation stands, the presentation to the church of "the flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze." The men who carried the flag which was on this occasion presented to the church and dedicated were John C. Mitchell, his son, John, Arnold Crocker, William Grimshaw,

all of whom have served gallantly at the front.

St. George's is the mother church of the older north end of Halifax, and is the first of the Anglican churches to be reopened for divine worship since the explosion. The galleries, as well as the nave and aisles of the church, have been thoroughly renovated, giving a large seating capacity, and the choir and chancel can be seen from all parts of the church. "I rejoice with you with all my heart," said the Archbishop. "St. George's has a great work to do in this rapidly-developing part of the city, and it gladdens my heart to see, as I do see to-day, in this beautiful building evidences of the fact that its people realize their responsibility and their privilege. At the time of the great catastrophe which wrought such damage to our churches I feared for the future—feared lack of enthusiasm and of interest and energy in overcoming discouragement. The order of Morning Prayer was preceded by the dedication of the organ. The Rector, Rev. H. W. Cunningham, read the service.

There was a splendid rally of the Sunday School in the afternoon, and in the evening Mr. Cunningham preached to a congregation which crowded the building, his sermon being an historical one, and emphasizing duty in "the living present."

The cornerstone of the present Round Church, after designs by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, was laid

in the year 1800 by Sir John Wentworth, and was opened for divine service on July 19th, 1801. It was consecrated by the late Bishop John Inglis in 1827 and formed into a separate parish. Its present Rector, the Rev. Henry Ward Cunningham, was appointed in November, 1900, and has, therefore, been in charge of the parish for nearly nineteen years—years full of vicissitudes, of many changes in the town and in the neighborhood, but of unflinching loyalty, and yesterday may be said to mark the beginning of another era in its life for which all familiar with its historic past will wish ever-increasing usefulness.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Social Service Council, held last week in Toronto, the Primate was re-elected an honorary president, Canon Tucker was unanimously re-elected president, Archdeacon Ingles was made one of the vice-presidents, and Canon Vernon was appointed to represent the Church of England on the Executive of the Council. Among the Anglicans who attended were the Bishop of Toronto, Archdeacon Dobbs, Rev. W. H. Quartermaine, W. H. Wiggs, J. M. McWhinney, Miss Una Saunders and Mrs. L. A. Hamilton.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Social Service Council the

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